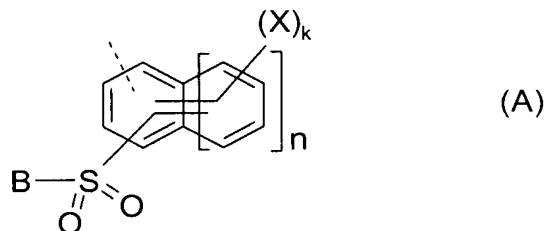


# IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 1 (Currently Amended): A process for dyeing leather, comprising contacting said leather with a float that comprises at least one dye F which has at least one ~~alkaline-activable~~ group of the represented by formula A:



where

---- denotes the bond to the dye molecule;

X is an electron-attracting radical;

k is 1, 2 or 3;

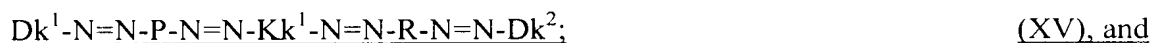
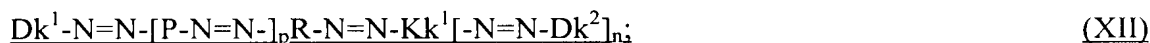
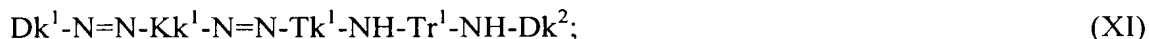
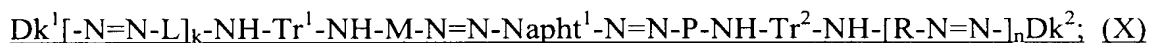
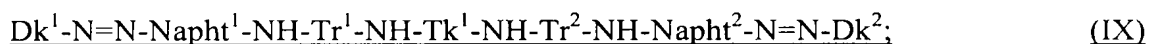
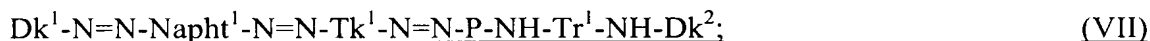
n is 0 or 1; and

B is a CH=CH<sub>2</sub> group or a CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-Q group, where Q is an alkaline-detachable group, wherein said float exhibits a pH of from 8.5 to 11, and wherein

~~which comprises treating the leather with an aqueous float comprising at least one dye F at a pH of 7.5 to 11~~

said at least one dye is selected from the group consisting of





a metal complex thereof,

where

k, n, p and r are independently 0 or 1, and for formula II, k+n+r is 1, 2 or 3;

m is 0, 1 or 2;

each of  $Dk^1$  and  $Dk^2$  independently represents an aromatic amine radical or represents a

group of formula A where, in each of the formulae I - XII and XV, at least one of  $Dk^1$

and  $Dk^2$  represents a radical of formula A;

each of  $Kk^1$  and  $Kk^2$  independently represents a monovalent, a divalent or a trivalent

aromatic radical selected from the group consisting of benzene; naphthalene;

pyrazole; quinoline; diphenylamine; diphenylmethane; pyrimidine; pyridine; and

diphenyl ether, where each optionally has at least one substituent selected from the

group consisting

$SO_3H$ ,  $COOH$ ,  $CN$ ,  $CONH_2$ ,  $OH$ ,  $NH_2$ ,  $NO_2$ , halogen,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -

hydroxyalkyl, carboxy- $C_1-C_4$ -alkyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkoxy,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkylamino,  $C_1-C_4$ -

dialkylamino,  $C_1-C_4$ -alkylaminocarbonyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -dialkylaminocarbonyl,  $C_1-C_4$ -

alkylcarbonylamino, N-( $C_1-C_4$ -alkylcarbonyl)-N-( $C_1-C_4$ -alkylcarbonyl)amino,

C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonylamino, phenylaminocarbonyloxy, phenylaminocarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-hydroxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, carboxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, phenylcarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonylamino, phenylsulfonyl, phenylsulfonylamino, formamide, and a radical represented by formula SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>56</sup>R<sup>57</sup>,

where each of R<sup>56</sup> and R<sup>57</sup> independently represent hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl; formyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyloxycarbonyl; NH<sub>2</sub>-CO-alkylaminocarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonylamino; di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonylamino; phenylsulfonylamino which may be substituted on the phenyl ring by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy and halogen; or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl, which is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group consisting of OH, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-phenyl, and a 5-membered aromatic heterocyclyl optionally bearing on the nitrogen a phenyl or naphthyl group which can optionally have 1 or 2 radicals selected from the group consisting of OH, SO<sub>3</sub>H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy;

Kk<sup>3</sup> is a monovalent radical selected from the group consisting of benzene, pyrimidine, pyridine, and naphthalene, which optionally has

1 or 2 hydroxysulfonyl groups as substituents, and optionally 1, 2 or 3 further substituents selected from the group consisting of SO<sub>3</sub>H, COOH, CN, CONH<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-

hydroxyalkyl, carboxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonylamino, N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl)-N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonylamino, phenylaminocarbonyloxy, phenylaminocarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-hydroxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, carboxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, phenylcarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonylamino, phenylsulfonyl, phenylsulfonylamino, formamide, and a radical of the formula SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>56</sup>R<sup>57</sup>,

where R<sup>56</sup> and R<sup>57</sup> independently represent hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl; formyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl; NH<sub>2</sub>-CO-alkylaminocarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonylamino; di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonylamino; phenylsulfonylamino which may be substituted on the phenyl ring by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy and halogen; or a 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl, which is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group consisting of OH, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-phenyl, and a 5-membered aromatic heterocyclyl optionally bearing on the nitrogen a phenyl or naphthyl group which can optionally comprise 1 or 2 radicals selected from the group consisting of OH, SO<sub>3</sub>H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy;

each of Tk<sup>1</sup> and Tk<sup>2</sup> independently represents a divalent aromatic radical selected from the group consisting of benzene, diphenylamine, biphenyl, diphenylmethane, 2-phenylbenzimidazole, phenylsulfonylbenzene, phenylaminosulfonylbenzene,

stilbene and phenylaminocarbonylbenzene, where each optionally has at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of SO<sub>3</sub>H, COOH, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl;

each of L, M, P and R independently represents a divalent aromatic radical selected from the group consisting of benzene and naphthalene, where each optionally has at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of SO<sub>3</sub>H, COOH, CN, CONH<sub>2</sub>, OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, NO<sub>2</sub>, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-hydroxyalkyl, carboxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonylamino, N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl)-N-(C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl)amino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonyloxy, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylaminocarbonylamino, phenylaminocarbonyloxy, phenylaminocarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-hydroxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, carboxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, phenylcarbonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, hydroxy-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonylamino, phenylsulfonyl, phenylsulfonylamino, formamide, and a radical of the formula SO<sub>2</sub>NR<sup>56</sup>R<sup>57</sup>,

where R<sup>56</sup> and R<sup>57</sup> independently represent hydrogen; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl; formyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylcarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxycarbonyl; NH<sub>2</sub>-CO-alkylaminocarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminocarbonyl; C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonylamino; di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonylamino; phenylsulfonylamino which may be substituted on the phenyl ring by 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy and halogen; or 5- or 6-membered heterocyclyl, which is optionally substituted by 1, 2 or 3 radicals selected from the group consisting of OH, halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, phenyl, and a 5-membered aromatic heterocyclyl optionally bearing on the nitrogen a phenyl or naphthyl group

which can optionally have 1 or 2 of radicals selected from the group consisting of OH, SO<sub>3</sub>H, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy;

Napht<sup>1</sup>, Napht<sup>2</sup> independently represent a naphthalene radical having 1 or 2 hydroxysulfonyl groups and may optionally have 1, 2 or 3 further substituents selected from the group consisting of OH, NH<sub>2</sub>, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-dialkylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylsulfonylamino, phenylsulfonylamino, 4-methylphenylsulfonylamino, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonyl, di-C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkylaminosulfonyl, phenylaminosulfonyl, 4-methylphenylaminosulfonyl, and a NHC(O)R<sup>x</sup> radical, where R<sup>x</sup> hydrogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, maleyl or phenyl;

Pyr represents pyrazole-1,4-diyl which attaches through the nitrogen atom to the A group and optionally has 1 or 2 substituents selected from the group consisting of halogen, C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkyl, hydroxyl and C<sub>1</sub>-C<sub>4</sub>-alkoxy; and

Tr<sup>1</sup>, Tr<sup>2</sup> independently represent a 1,3,5-triazine-2,4-diyl radical which optionally has at least one substituent selected from the group consisting of a halogen atom, a methyl group and a methoxy group.

Claim 2 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein at least one radical X in the formula A is an SO<sub>3</sub>H group.

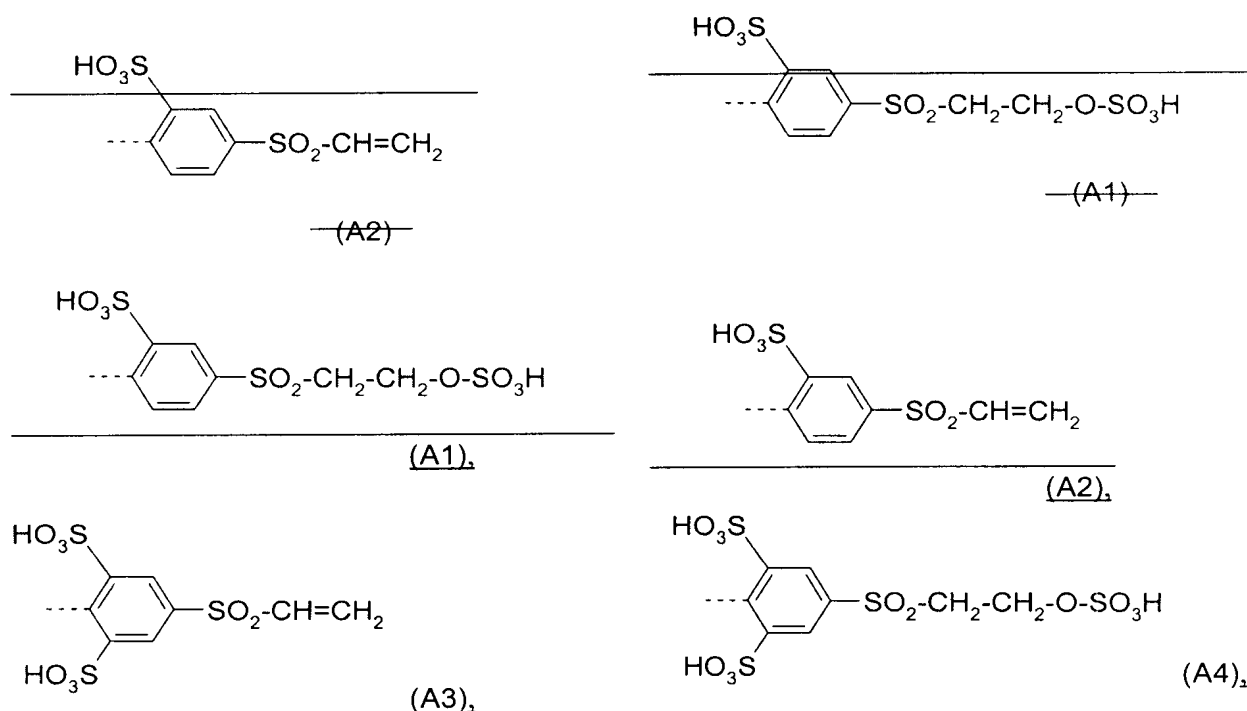
Claim 3 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein B in the formula A is CH=CH<sub>2</sub>, a CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-SO<sub>3</sub>H group or a CH<sub>2</sub>-CH<sub>2</sub>-O-C(O)CH<sub>3</sub> group.

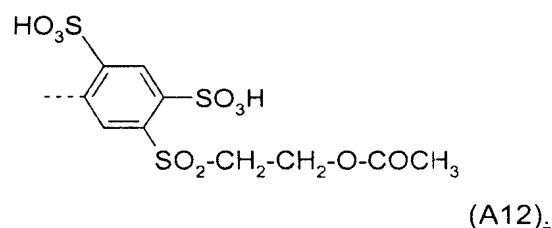
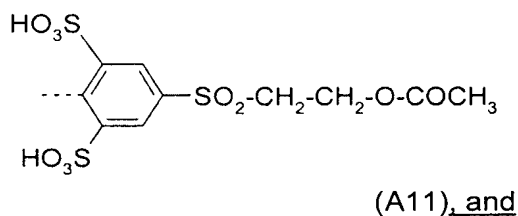
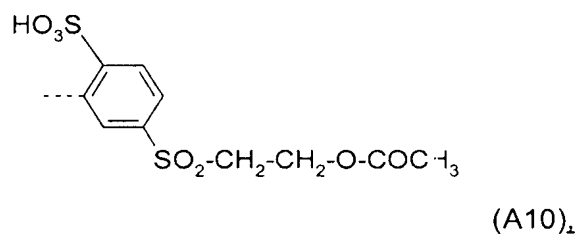
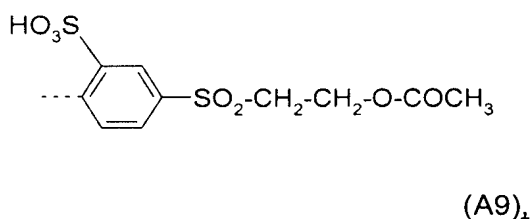
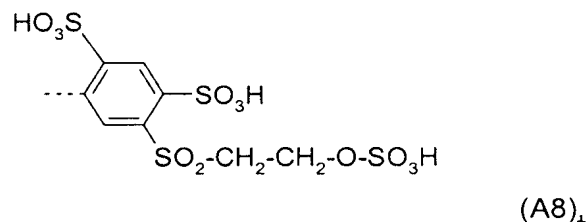
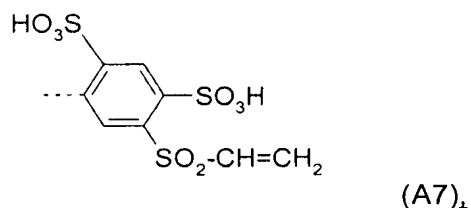
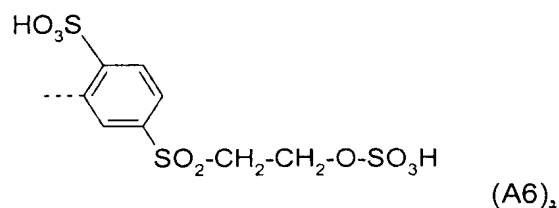
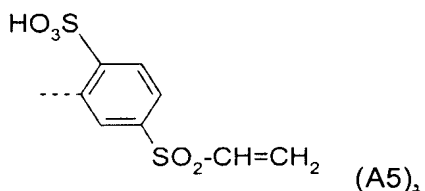
Claim 4 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein the group represented by formula A is attached to the dye molecule via an -NH- or -N=N- group.

Claim 5 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 4, wherein the at least one dye F is selected from the group consisting of dyes of the a phthalocyanine dye series, an anthraquinone dye dyes, an azo dye dyes, a formazan dye dyes, a dioxazine dye dyes, an actidine dye dyes, a xanthene dye dyes, a polymethine dye dyes, a stilbene dye dyes, a sulfur dye dyes and a triarylmethane dye dyes.

Claim 6 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein n  $[[=]]$  is 0.

Claim 7 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 6, wherein the radical at least one group represented by formula A is selected from the following radicals A1 to A12 group consisting of:





Claim 8 (Canceled)

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein which  
further comprises initially treating the leather ~~is treated~~ with the aqueous float comprising at  
 least one dye F at a pH in the range from 3 to 6.5 prior to said treating and then a pH of at  
~~least 7.5 is set in the float.~~

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein the  
 dyeing ~~is carried out~~ occurs as a one-stage process.



Claim 11 (Currently Amended): The process according to claim 1, wherein the dyeing ~~is carried out~~ occurs before retanning.

Claim 12 (Previously Presented): The process according to claim 1, wherein the dyeing ~~is effected~~ occurs at temperatures in the range from 10 to 60°C.

Claims 13-18 (Canceled).

Claim 19 (Previously Presented): A dyed leather obtainable by a dyeing process according to claim 1.

Claim 20 (Previously Presented): The dyed leather according to Claim 19 for handwear, footwear, automobiles, apparel or furniture.

Claims 21-23 (Canceled)

Claim 24 (New): The process according to claim 1, wherein said float exhibits a pH of from 8.5 to 10.5.

Claim 25 (New): The process according to claim 1, wherein said float exhibits a pH of from 8.5 to 10.

Claim 26 (New): The process according to claim 1, wherein said float exhibits a pH of from 9.5 to 11.

Claim 27 (New): The process according to claim 26, occurring for a time of from 0.5 to 2 hours.

Claim 28 (New): The process according to claim 1, wherein when said contacting is carried out for four hours, said at least one dye exhibits a fixation to said leather of at least 85%, as determined by UV/VIS spectroscopy and HPLC.

Claim 29 (New): The process according to claim 1, wherein when said contacting is carried out for four hours, said at least one dye exhibits a fixation to said leather of at least 90%, as determined by UV/VIS spectroscopy and HPLC.

Claim 30 (New): The process according to claim 1, wherein Q is selected from the group consisting of chlorine; bromine; iodine;  $-O-SO_3H$ ;  $-S-SO_3H$ ; tri- $C_1-C_4$ -alkylammonium; benzyldi- $C_1-C_4$ -alkylammonium; N-attached pyridinium;  $R^3S(O)_2-$ ;  $R^4S(O)_2-O-$ ; and  $R^5C(O)-O-$ , where

each of  $R^3$  and  $R^4$  is independently an alkyl group, a haloalkyl group, a phenyl group, or a substituted phenyl group, and

$R^5$  is a hydrogen, an alkyl group, a haloalkyl group, a phenyl group, or a substituted phenyl group.